



The Halyard

We can not control the wind but we can adjust the sails

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From The Crow's Nest

Earlier this week, I posted a request for information on our list serve requesting information about Edward DeBono. Within minutes I had my answer and offers to let me borrow his books. I continue to be amazed at the willingness of this group to share what they know. I will be sharing what I have learned later in this newsletter.

I am sure that many of you have missed time from school this week due to weather conditions. During the past week, I hope that each of you have stayed warm, dry, and safe. The James River near where the Annabel Lee was docked is covered with ice. I wonder if the boat were still moored there, would the ice affect the boat? It appears that boat travel will be curtailed for a time, as the ice appears thick and chunky.

As you greet the students who come to your library, now would be a great time to share some of those wonderful books that make for great reading during snowy days off. Maybe a display of crafts and hobbies would provide ideas for new and creative ways to pass the time while learning a new skill. Remember also to come up with creative ways to make up those classes that are missed due to snow days.

A moored boat is tied to something to keep it from drifting. What is your library program connected to? Are you sailing along with the rest of the school? Are you pirating ideas from others to extend your library program?

Smooth sailing.....

Information Literacy Update

Check out the information on this site: www.medialiteracy.com

CML MediaLit Kit™

Like a map for a journey, the CML MediaLit Kit™ provides a path for navigating our global media culture. It gives a vision of where to go, and how to get around by providing a basic framework and communications package that gathers and articulates the key components of an inquiry-based media literacy education. Based on credible theoretical foundations, the MediaLit Kit™ reflects CML's philosophy of empowerment through education.

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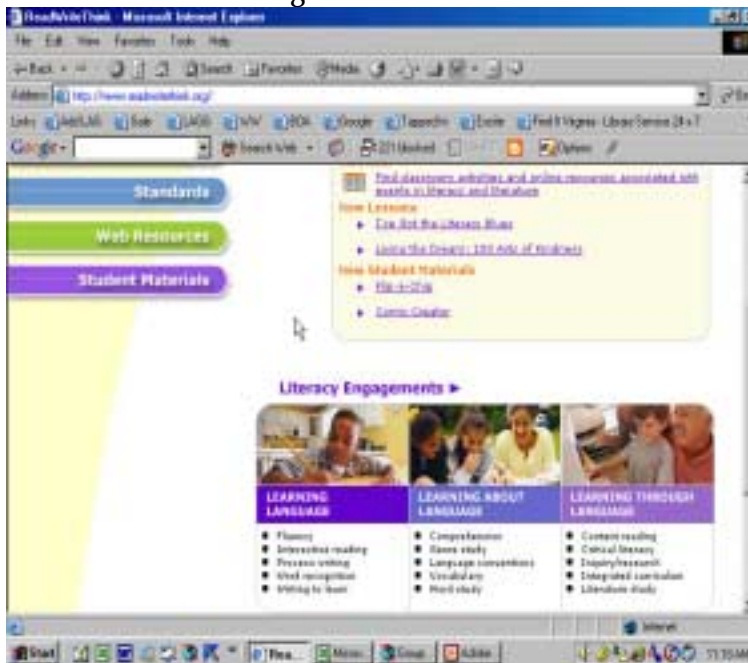


The workshops missed due to weather will be rescheduled. We will be making up the sessions missed in Arlington, Central Rappahannock, and the Library of Virginia. We will be also scheduling another session in Richmond. If you did not make the first list, please email me if you want to be placed on the list for the second session. I will send out an email as soon as I know details.

Web sites to explore:

Read, Write, and Think

www.readwritethink.org



Science Fair Projects

www.super-science-fair-projects.com

Thinking Hats?



Edward DeBono

Six Thinking Hats was first published in 1985 but the revised edition, came out in 1999. Little Brown and Company, ISBN: 0-316-17831-4.

From the preface: "What I am putting forth in this book is a very simple concept which allows a thinker to do one thing at a time. He or she becomes able to separate emotion from logic, creativity from information and so on. The concept is that of six thinking hats. Putting on any one of these hats defines a certain type of thinking."

Six hats (from chapter 2)

White Hat - white is neutral and objective. The white hat is concerned



with objective facts and figures.

Red Hat - red suggests anger, rage and emotions. The red hat gives the



emotional view.

Black Hat - black is somber and serious. The black hat is cautious and



careful. It points out the weaknesses in an idea.

Yellow Hat - yellow is sunny and positive. The yellow hat is optimistic



and covers hope and positive thinking.

Green hat - green is grass, vegetation, and abundant fertile growth.



The green hat indicates creativity and new ideas.

Blue Hat - Blue is cool and it is also the color of the sky which is above everything else. The



blue hat is concerned with control, the organization of the thinking process, and the use of the other hats.

This is another approach you can use in teaching students how to gain information literacy. This approach would appeal to young children.

Black History Month Theme for 2004-

Black History Month: Pursuing the American Dream

This year marks an important anniversary in the field of education -- the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, a pivotal court case in which the U.S. Supreme Court declared segregation in education to be unlawful. Join the MarcoGram in celebrating Black History Month with activities and lessons about the Underground Railroad, African-American poetry and much more. Check out <http://www.mped.org/marcograms/Feb2004.html>.